



## MILILANI/ WAIPIO/ MELEMANU NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 25

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2006 MILILANI RECREATION CENTER III

There being no quorum at this time, Community Forum was reported. (11 members present)

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Richard Poirier, Elizabeth Andrews, Ann Freed, Barbara “Pua” Iuli, Carole Siegel, Douglas Thomas, Andrew Garrett, Josie Kaanehe, MaryAnne Selander, Jessie Weinberger, David Bremer, Bill Brizee, T. Lulani Arquette, William Bass, Karen Loomis, Charlie Remington.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Grace Abatayo, Linnel Nishioka, Susan Hough, Marie Abatayo, Mary Segura, Noel Araki, Keith Hamada.

**GUESTS:** Dean Park, Gary and Leatrice Moniz, Acting Captain Ricci Naone (HFD – Mililani Station), Phyllis and Gary Chock, Philip S. Medina, Steve and Monica Okido, Christine Taylor, John Lee, Akio and Joan Shimizu, Sandy and Vince Hee, Susan Asuncion, Jeannette Furuta, Debbie Souza, Ruth Stephanie Teraoka, Rod Ohira (Honolulu Advertiser), Thomas Matsumoto, Mitchell Klimell, K. Alfred Ching, Kathy Piscusa, Pat Asano, Charles and Dolores Tomas, R.S. Gima, Lori Kunioka (Councilmember Nestor Garcia’s Office), Councilmember Nestor Garcia, Thomas Arizumi, Ethel Anzai, Glen and Ruth Hickman, Representative Marilyn Lee, Roy Abe (Hawaii Pacific Engineers), Carl Arakaki (City Department of Waster Water), Scott James, Brandon Lee (Representative Ryan Yamane’s Office), Bob Kato (Senator Ron Menor’s Office), Stan Zhucha, Cyril Hamada, Lt. S. Nishihara (HPD – Wahiawa Station), Michelle Kidani (Mayor’s Office), Lillian Koller (Governor’s Office/Department of Human Services), Representative Ryan Yamane, Ken Gilbert (O’ahu Civil Defense), Nola J. Frank (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

### COMMUNITY FORUM:

**Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Lt. Nishihara** reported the following:

Statistics for January 2006 included: burglary 24, UEMV (unauthorized entry into motor vehicle) 20, auto thefts 24, and miscellaneous thefts 33. There was a 20 to 25% reduction in crime from the previous two months.

#### Highlights:

- ❖ Mililani had its first traffic fatality in January when a driver hit a tree across from the District Park. Speed, alcohol and not wearing a seat belt were factors. Lt. Nishihara emphasized the importance of wearing a seat belt, which would have saved this young person’s life.
- ❖ A burglary suspect was arrested and charged on February 2, 2006. This person is suspected of committing about 104 burglaries during November and December 2005. Since January 24, 2006 approximately seven burglaries were reported.
- ❖

Questions, answers and comments followed:

Brizee asked what should on do when they see someone sitting in their car, which happened to him. However, the person got out of the car saying, “He was in the wrong car”, pushed him and ran away. The response was to avoid confrontation, get a physical description of the person, and watch where the person is going. Always call 911.



Lt. Nishihara was thanked for attending the meeting.

Garrett arrived at this time. A quorum of 12 members was now present.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Dick Poirier called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m. A quorum of 12 members was present.

**Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) –** Acting Captain Ricci Naone reported the following:

Statistics for last month included: Fires – 2 rubbish, 1 brush, 2 vehicle; emergencies – 24 medical, 1 search/rescue, 10 miscellaneous responses.

**FIRE SAFETY TIP:** EVERY HOME SHOULD HAVE A WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level. Since cooking vapors and steam can set off a smoke detector, the detector should be located way from the kitchen or bathroom. Wall-mounted detectors should be positioned 4 to 12 inches below the ceiling and away from air vents.

The following survey results conducted of 80,000 elementary school students in which almost 48,000 responded: Eighty-seven percent of the homes had smoke detectors and two percent were not certain whether one existed. Of the eighty-seven percent tested, sixty-seven percent of the families tested their detector that month and only seventy-one percent of the smoke detectors were operational. This survey enforced HFD's belief that. "Every home should have a WORKING smoke detector installed near each sleeping area and on every level."

Acting Captain Ricci Naone was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Military –** No representative was present.

**O'ahu Arts Center –** No representative was present.

**Other Community Concern –** There were no other community concerns.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM:**

**O'ahu Civil Defense Update –** Ken Gilbert gave the following update:

- 1) Three brochures – Preparing for Hurricanes and Tropical Storms, Emergency Checklist, and Hawaii Homeland Security Advisory System, were circulated for interested persons to review.
- 2) The current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and the National Incident Management System were developed after the 911 terrorist attacks
- 3) A tactical communications scenario will take place tomorrow with the Honolulu Fire Department, Emergency Medical Services, O'ahu Civil Defense Agency, hospitals and hotel workers at the Aloha Stadium.
- 4) Hawaii meets the State 101 Guide, which is just a guide for all states to follow.
- 5) Due to the rain this past week, ponding and flooding has occurred.

- 6) The City and County received no reports of the West Nile Virus. It was recommended that action be taken to correct standing water at home to prevent mosquito breeding.
- 7) Homeowners can receive a 25 percent tax claim for hurricane mitigation.
- 8) Gilbert asked for a show of hands of how many people at the meeting have hurricane survival kits. He emphasized that one must be prepared and the survival kit should contain enough supplies for 72 hours. The importance of having a disaster plan was pointed out. It was mentioned that during a hurricane, etc. a cell phone is useless. A UPF hookup to a cordless phone is much better. OCD offers several programs including amateur radio classes at no cost. The Community Emergency Response Teams teaches first aid classes on the weekends at the Municipal Building. Or log on to: [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) for a 10-hour online course. A certificate will be issued.
- 9) During an emergency, such as a hurricane, it is very important for homeowners to have the ownership papers with them

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) In response to Representative Lee, during a disaster it is better to have an amateur radio for emergency services. Amateur radios can be used for worldwide communication. Gilbert reiterated that cell phone networks do not work during this time.
- 2) It was suggested that homes be checked for hazardous chemicals. Chemical cleaners, such as chlorine bleach, may be hazardous when combined with other household cleaners.
- 3) In reply to Bremer regarding a hurricane tax credit, such a credit will allowed one time if all precautions are done at once. But if the work is spread out the tax credit may be applied for more than once. Bremer for roof sheathing, Gilbert answered that six to eight nails should be applied per clip to a 5/8- inch piece of plywood every twelve inches.

Ken Gilbert was thanked for attending the meeting.

Weinberger and Andrews arrived during the above portion of the meeting (14 members present).

Without objections the agenda was deferred to Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2006.

**APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 25, 2006 – By unanimous consent the minutes were approved as written.**

**The Need for Comprehensive Clean Energy Policy Reform:** Jeff Mikulina gave a power point presentation and highlighted the following:

With the increase in the price of oil, of which the State depends on, 77 percent is used for electricity. A cost of fuel facility should be built within the next five years in Campbell Industrial Park area. Reform is needed due to the change in global climate and carbonization. Six are included for elements for clean energy. It was emphasized that renewable energy is mandated. Clean energy incentives such as solar hot water tax credits would be included in the package. Renewable fuel standard, using 20 percent bio fuels by 2020. Convert to locally based fuel reserves. The Sierra Club supports the Governor's energy initiatives package.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Brizee commented the American Institute of architects favors a proposed bills being considered by the Legislature.
- 2) Rep. Yamane noted that he is looking at contractors to copy different angles for shingle roofs to install solar heating, and is checking on projects on the Kona Coast. Mikulina replied at Hickam Air Force Base new homes are being installed with solar water heaters.
- 3) In response to Freed, Mikulina said they are seeking the support of neighborhood boards on this issue. He did not know when the public hearings are scheduled.

Mr. Mikulina was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Update on the Proposed Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Modifications:** Roy Abe, of Hawaii Pacific Engineers, Inc., introduced Carl Arakakai of the Department of Design and Construction (DDC). The following update was reported:

- 1) Rep. Yamane distributed correspondence from Abe for interested persons to review.
- 2) Abe apologized for not notifying all area residents to the project.
- 3) The Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility is located in the southern portion of Mililani on the former Full Scale Treatment Plant on Makapiipi Street. When the fuel facility closed in 1990, the water was diverted to Waipahu and sent to the Honouliuli Treatment Plant.
- 4) Proposed modifications include headworks to provide grinding and grit (consists of sand and other dense particles in the sewage) removal prior to discharge of the wastewater into the effluent diversion line.
- 5) Abe explained residents living on Makapiipi Street should not detect any increases in odors as a result of the project. There is no intent to have odor problems.
- 6) The purpose of the large basin is to contain overflows until processing.
- 7) During peak time, a portion of the flow will be diverted downstream so no overflow occurs at the facility.
- 8) Remington and Arquette arrived during the above portion of the meeting (16 members present).
- 9) The facility would be used only during heavy rain.
- 10) Abe noted when processed, raw sewage looks like dirty dishwater and varies in the amount of odors emitted. The Mililani area does not smell bad due to having a small treatment facility. Emissions of odors depend on the length of time raw sewage remains in the sewer systems. Hydrogen sulfite increases odors. While chemicals are available to control odors, continuous use of chemicals is costly and will be done only during storm events.
- 11) Relative to noise, the 75 horsepower blower will be replaced with a 10-horsepower blower.
- 12)

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Questions, answers and comments followed.

- 1) Bass asked how would the area be cleaned. The response was a high capacity hose would be used to wash down the areas.
- 2) An overflow pipe will be installed.
- 3) Resident Park asked the following: a) expressed concern about odors; b) what happens if the flow gets stuck or the pipe breaks; c) how much can the equalization basin hold. Abe replied the equalization basin would be monitored 24-hours a day with chemicals available for odors. If the tank is at its capacity, it will be drained. The entire system operates by gravity.
- 4) Concerns were expressed that this facility is to accommodate the Mililani Mauka area and should be installed where the new homes are being developed.
- 5) A comment was made if a mainland case survey was done to make sure the proper sound beds, filters, etc, are installed. He stated, "Just do it right." Abe answered the installation could get more sophisticated, but also more costly.
- 6) Kaanehe asked if Koa Ridge would be utilizing this facility. In response, the Koa Ridge development is in a separate line.
- 7) In reply to Thomas regarding an alternative site, Abe noted this was an administration decision.
- 8) Selander stated would \$3.6 million solve the problem and not abuse the people. She noted that is not much money considering what it does to the community. She reiterated do it right without destroying the community.
- 9) A resident asked if a petition should be circulated. The response was if the project is cancelled and odors are still emitted.

Roy Abe and Carl Arakaki were thanked for attending the meeting.

#### **REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**

**Mayor's Representative** – Michelle Kidani reported the following:

- 1) Mayor Hannemann sends his aloha.
- 2) The Mayor's State of the City Address will be held on Friday, February 24, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.
- 3) May 6 and 7, 2006, Rediscover Sunset in the Park/A Taste of Mililani. Volunteers are encouraged to participate.
- 4) Complaint was received from constituents expressing concerns regarding martial arts classes being held at Mililani Waena Park in the comfort station area. Follow up will be done.
- 5) Skate Board Park follow-up: Graffiti at all of the City skate parks is an island problem. The Mililani skate park is one of the larger skate sites with heavier usage than the others. According

to HPD and Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), the skaters are not necessarily doing graffiti.

- 6) Status of the tennis courts at Waena Park: A final inspection was held on February 17, 2006 and all aspects of the project, including the landscaping were determined to be acceptable. The facility will be opened to the public in about two weeks.
- 7) Status of removing the traffic-calming device: The Department of Transportation Services (DTS) is preparing the plans to put out to bid for the removal of the bulbouts back of the Mililani High School. The process takes approximately six months to complete. If you have any further questions contact Mark Kikuchi at 527-5026.
- 8) Status of parking restriction request on Kuahelani Avenue at Meheula Parkway (west of Kamehameha Highway) and at Kahoea Street: DTS contacted Board member MaryAnne Selander regarding this matter. She informed them that she is working with HPD on this matter and will contact them at a later date.
- 9) Status of the Central O'ahu Regional Park tennis facility: A letter is being drafted setting forth the City's concerns with the business plan, which is being reviewed by Corporation Counsel. Timeline is approximately six weeks.

**Councilmember Nestor Garcia** – Councilmember Garcia stood on his written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) There is no money for item solutions in the FY2007 budget. Items can be proposed for the FY2008 budget. Contact his office with suggestions.
- 2) Regarding the presentation on the Sewage Treatment Plant, work is currently being done to increase capacity of downstream lines, which will be discussed later with the administration. He agrees that something must be done.

Councilmember Garcia was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Governor's Representative** – Lillian Koller reported the following:

- 1) Encouraged the Board to support the advocate passage package relating to Comprehensive Clean Energy Policy Reform.
- 2) The Board was thanked for allowing Scott Ishikawa of the Department of Transportation to report for the Governor.
- 3) This legislative session has many proposals relative to health care expansion for families. New federal funding of \$6 million for 20,000 uninsured adults (making less than \$1,000 a month) and children will be used over the next six years.
- 4) The Department of Human Services is asking the legislature to restore a dental package for adult prevention on tooth decay.

Lillian Koller was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Senator Ron Menor** – Bob Kato distributed a handout and reported the Senator is working on housing issues and has proposed two big bills.

Bob Kato was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Representative Marilyn Lee** – Representative Lee circulated her written report and highlighted/added the following:

- 1) Board members were thanked for submitting testimony relating to a traffic study for public schools.
- 2) March 15, 2006 is the deadline to submit comments/input relating to the draft O'ahu Regional Transit Plan 2030, presented at a meeting held by the O'ahu Metropolitan Planning Organization (OMPM) last month.
- 3) The Friends of Mililani Library are seeking new members. Interested persons may fill out the application attached with her report. The Friends recently donated \$4,675.00 to the Mililani Library, with money raised from book sales. The next book sale is scheduled for April 8, 2006.

Representative Marilyn Lee was thanked for attending the meeting.

**Representative Ryan Yamane** – Representative Yamane distributed his written report and was available for questions.

Questions, answers and comments followed:

- 1) Thomas asked if the process for obtaining Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Mililani is far enough along to include a location. Chair Poirier mentioned he heard it would be located in the Gentry area. It was noted if is located close to homes, with the emergency lights and siren during the early hours, the neighbors may complain.
  - Selander questioned if this is an either or situation. Representative Yamane responded he is working to get funding from the legislature, and working with EMS on a location.
  - Bass suggested the Park and Ride site facility. Rep. Yamane stated the first hurdle is funding, and asked for Board and community support on this issue.
  - Bremen commented regarding cardiac arrest survival decreases.
  - Mahalo to Councilmember Nestor Garcia the City is willing and supportive.
- 2) Kaanehe thanked the legislators for keeping two-bills alive pertaining to bulletproof vests for police officers.

Representative Ryan Yamane was thanked for attending the meeting.

**COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS** – Deferred.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Resolution Requesting Legislative Support for Comprehensive Clean Energy Policy Reform: Neighborhood Board No. 25 supports legislation to establish a renewable fuels standard with the goal to provide 20 per cent of the highway fuel demand from renewable fuels (attached). The motion was adopted unanimously, 16-0-0.**

- **Resolution Requesting the City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting Not include the Proposed Mililani Wastewater Preliminary Treatment Facility Modifications (2006/PIM) on the Central O'ahu Public Infrastructure Map (attached). The motion carried 15-1-0, with Bass voting nay.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Next Board Meeting will be on March 22, 2006 at Mililani Recreation Center III, at 7:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Chair Poirier adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Submitted by Nola J. Frank, Neighborhood Assistant  
Reviewed by Chair Dick Poirier